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THE PRIMARY STRUCTURE OF THE  
MESSENGER RNA CODING FOR THE  
HUMAN RECOMBINANT  
ENDOOLIGOPEPTIDASE A (HEOPA)  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.